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NOTIFICATION

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No. 11826—FS-PL-1/2010—The Government of Orissa, in collaboration with the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP), has undertaken the strengthening of the TPDS in Rayagada district through Biometric based Technology and Point of Sale (PoS)/ coupon solution systems.

In course of operation of this project the biometric enrolment has been completed. New BPL/AAY/ ration cards/ for all current BPL/AAY cardholders in the Blocks (BPLs according to the 1997 survey), who have been enrolled, would soon be issued. APL cards would be issued for others whose names appear on the 2002 survey list, and who have provided biometric identification. The cards in three urban bodies with corresponding types would be issued to the current cardholders who have provided their biometric identification. The new system is to be introduced in place of the present system in order to implement Biometric based Technology in distribution of PDS commodities.

After careful consideration Government has been pleased to switch over to the system of PoS solution in Rayagada Municipality from the 1st August 2010 and the bar-coded coupon system in remaining two NACs, namely, Gunupur and Gudari and all the eleven Blocks of Rayagada district from the 1st October 2010.

The new system envisages as follows :

Under the new system, the delivery of commodities in the Fair Price Shop (FPS) will be made through the PoS devices in all eighteen FPSs in Rayagada Municipal area and against bar-coded coupons in all the remaining FPSs in the district.

Point of Sale devices :

- Smart/ plastic/laminated paper cards with facial photographs of the cardholder and of a maximum of four enrolled members will be provided to eligible enrolled families.

- The cards will contain cardholder's house number/ward number, municipality, district, FPS name, LPG ownership, number of members in the family, etc.

- The cardholder or any of the enrolled members of the family can receive the commodities from the FPS on the production of cards and against biometric validation.

- The fingerprint of the member (who comes to the FPS with the card) will be scanned and once the identity of the beneficiary is established, commodities will be issued on the receipt of the cost. The transactions will be recorded and a system-generated receipt will be given to the cardholder. The recorded transactions will be uploaded to central server.

Coupon solution system in all 11 Blocks and 2 NACs :

- Laminated ration cards with facial photographs of the cardholder and enrolled members (maximum ten members) will be provided to the eligible enrolled families in remaining two NACs, namely, Gunupur and Gudari, and in all the eleven Blocks in the district.

- In addition, the families will receive bar-coded coupon booklets for different commodities available through FPS.

- The ration card will contain the card number, type, name of the cardholder, gender, occupation, village, GP, Block, District, FPS name, etc.

- The coupon will contain the name of the cardholder, the ration card number, type of ration card, name of the village/GP/Block/Dist, LPG ownership, number of family members, month/ year, commodity, quantity, unit cost of commodity (Rice-Rs. 2 per Kg., Wheat-Rs. 7 per Kg., Sugar-Rs. 13.50 per kg., Kerosene-Rs. 9.50-Rs. 10.50 per litres), name of the FPS, etc.

- The quantity on the coupon will be 25 kg. of rice, 2 kg. of sugar and 4 litres of kerosene oil for BPL families, 35 kg. of rice, 2 kg. of sugar and 4 litres of kerosene oil for AAY families and 25 kg. of rice, 10 kg. of wheat and 4 litres of kerosene oil for APL families.

- The coupons will be provided for two years in the form of booklets for each commodity. Each booklet will therefore contain 24 leaves. The colour of the coupon booklets will be green for rice, brown for wheat, white for sugar and blue for kerosene.

- The cardholder or any member of his/her family will come to the designated FPS along with the ration card and the coupon booklet (s) for drawing the commodities. He/She will present the coupon for the commodity and for the month for which the commodity will be received and pay the cost to the FPS owner.

- The coupons need to be redeemed and the commodities received during the month those are meant for. In case of failure to do so, those can be redeemed within a grace period of one month past their designated month. The coupons not redeemed after a month will be invalid. It will be the responsibility of the FPS owner not to honour invalid coupons.

- The FPS owners will submit the used bar-coded coupons received during a month to the Marketing/Supply Inspectors of the Block from whom those will be carried through an established channel to the district headquarters by the 7th of the following month.

- The coupons will be scanned by the 20th. The scanned transactions will be uploaded to a central server. The transaction data in the central server (uploaded from PoS devices and scanning of coupons) will create a MIS, which will compile total off-take at each FPS and link it to next month's allotment.

- There will be a website containing the transaction information which can be used by the beneficiaries, Government officials and the members of civil society can use it as an information portal.

This order will be effective from the date of issue.

By order of the Governor

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